

SUNDAY'S POST.
Arrived the Mails from France.

NAPLES; (Italy) March 5.

AS yet no Progress is made in the intended Treaty of Commerce between this Court and that of Great Britain; and 'tis presumed that this Affair may not be soon concluded; because the British Court insists upon some Conditions, not concluded in the rough Draught of this Treaty, which, in the Main, agrees with the Treaty of Commerce lately concluded between his Majesty and the States General of the United Provinces.

Lisbon (Portugal) March 23. Our Fleet for Goa is sailed with 4000 Troops on board against the People of Paraguay, who pretend an independent Right there.

Ostend, (Flanders) March 24. A great Number of Workmen is employ'd upon the new Sluice which is intended to be made here; so that it will not be long before that Work be compleated; which, when done, will be worthy of being seen by the Curious. This Work is contracted to be done for 350,000 Florins.

Paris, (France) March 25. It is reported that the Inhabitants of the Cevennes have revolted, and cut in Pieces a Detachment of Troops that were sent against them. But as neither of the Causes nor the Circumstances of this Insurrection are mentioned, the Affair is judged to be inconceivable.

A Sermon, which was lately preach'd before the King, makes a great Noise, on Account of the Freedom, with which the Preacher exclaims against Flattery, and the Danger to which crown'd Heads are exposed by attending too much to it.

Hague, (Holland) March 27. Col. Yorke will, in a few Days, set from hence for England. The Number of Dutch Ships intended to be sent to Greenland this Year upon the Whale Fishery amount to 132.

Extract of a Letter from Charlestown in South Carolina, Feb. 12.
"On Saturday arrived his Majesty's Sloop Jamaica, and on Sunday his Majesty's Ship the Phoenix, commanded by Capt. Julian Legge, from their Cruize in the Windward Passage; by which we are informed, that on their Arrival at Turk's Island, the Caicos's and Hencaga, they met with no French Inhabitants, nor had any yet settled there: The only Marks of Possession they found on those Islands were, Crosses and large Posts erected, to which were affixed Copper Plates, whereon were engraved the French King's Arms, and an Inscription to this Effect, *The Continuation of the Possession of Lewis XIVth, King of France, 1553*; all which Marks of Possession they cut down and brought away; and, lest the French should ill treat the Bermudians who were on those Islands, when they should find their Marks taken away, Capt. Legge thought proper to direct Lieutenant Sergeant of the Jamaica, who was the Officer that went on Shore, to leave at those Keys the following Declaration, viz.

"To prevent any Violence being used to any of the People who live on Grand Key, Salt Key, or Seal Key, it is thought proper to leave this Declaration, that we cut down the Arms of the most Christian King, and the Crosses that were set up as Marks of Possession on the said Islands, and carried the same away, pursuant to Instructions for so doing: And further, that his Britannick Majesty will not suffer any Marks of Possession to be put up, on any of the Keys or Islands known by the Name of Turk's Islands. Dated the 21st of January, 1754."

We are farther informed, that a Sloop belonging to Capt. David Cutler Braddock of Providence (commanded by Capt. Mackay) which sailed from thence at the same Time with the Men of War (and on board whom Capt. Legge had put one of his Mates to observe Signals) arrived at Turk's Islands the Day before them, was taken by an armed Sloop, mann'd with Spaniards, who first stript Capt. Mackay and his Crew naked, afterwards whipt and obliged them to jump over-board and swim to the Shore for their Lives, and then carried off the Vessel."

Capt. Hutchins, of the Ann and Elizabeth, arrived at Carolina from Antigua and St Martin's, reports, that just before he left Antigua, which was about the 4th Day of January last, a large Fire was seen at Sea, and many Guns heard to the Windward. The Fowey Man of War being expected from Barbadoes, and having been seen some Days before off Martinico, yet not arrived, and Vessels having been sent fruitlessly in search of her, it was supposed she had by some Accident taken Fire, and that every Man in her perished.

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